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BENZIMIDAZOLE DOSAGE FORMS
AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2000, for two (2) months from July 27, 2000 to September 27, 2000. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$190.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

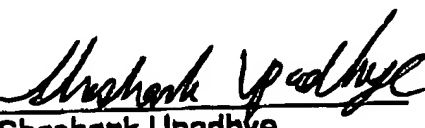
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